

the larger context of improving government. We can learn from this effort, and I hope that my colleagues, in future Congresses, will take a close look at a bill I introduced with Senator PRYOR recently, S. 2095, which promotes a more rational and consistent approach to government-sponsored enterprises and government corporations.

Mr. President, the Sallie Mae privatization provisions include important language designed to ensure that all students have access to loans. The Higher Education Act already requires that student loan secondary markets using tax-exempt bonds may not make lending or loan-purchasing decisions based on the borrower's race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, handicapped status, income, attendance at a particular institution, length of the borrower's educational program, or the borrower's academic year. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that secondary markets do not use such factors as excuses for not effectively performing the supportive functions for which the markets have been allowed to participate in the Federal student loan program. Section 604 of the omnibus appropriations bill amends the Higher Education Act to impose on Sallie Mae the same service requirement that apply under current law for tax-exempt secondary markets. This is an important element of the privatization legislation.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH NOYCE

●Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, a bright light of optimism and benevolence in Maine has been extinguished. I rise to express my deep sadness and profound sympathies to the family of Elizabeth Noyce, a great Mainer and close friend who has left an indelible mark on our state and all those whose lives she touched.

Elizabeth Noyce had achieved an almost legendary status in Maine—a goal which ironically would have been the furthest from her mind. She was an incredible and unique woman whose tremendous loss is being felt throughout the State. I take the floor today to honor the memory of this woman who gave so much to the place she loved and asked so little in return.

What makes Betty Noyce special, what endeared her to the people of Maine was her humble, unassuming style and unwavering commitment to a better future. Her generosity was born not of a quest for notoriety, but from a deep and genuine devotion to our State. A close friend said it simply and said it best: "Maine was her passion."

Elizabeth Noyce did not grow up in Maine—nor did she grow up in luxury. But as so often happens during life's long journey, turns in the road brought her to Maine—and Betty's love affair with the State kept her there. And although she came to acquire money, she never lost sight of the things that are really important—family, friends, and a commitment to leaving the world a better place for having lived in it.

Betty Noyce has left our world, but her incredible legacy will be forever. She donated millions of dollars to Maine hospitals, museums, and colleges—but for Betty, simply writing a check was little payment on what she felt she owed to her adopted home. She also provided energy and leadership to a host of civic, cultural, and State organizations—but even more importantly, she gave us pride in our place and hope for a better future. Her enthusiasm was contagious—she made you believe in a project and believe in yourself. Betty invested more than money—she invested her time and her spirit and her energy. She was never a distant figure behind wrought iron gates—instead, she was a figure at the local diner, just an ordinary person taking a break from performing extraordinary deeds.

Indeed, practically every aspect of Maine's society—from business, to health care, education, arts and culture—was touched and enriched by her generosity. Consider what she has given just within the past couple of years: \$3 million toward the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center; \$10,000 to help finance a gun buyback program conducted by the Portland Police Department; \$1.3 million to the Cumberland County Civic Center to fund improvements and preserve its public name; \$5 million to the University of Maine; and exceptional art works to the Portland Museum of Art.

Most importantly, she worked to create jobs, burnish the economies of Portland and the entire State, and make Maine a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

In recent years, Betty increasingly turned to what she called catalytic philanthropy. She measured the potential success of a project in terms of how many jobs would result and how much Maine would be improved. She knew that Mainers—proud and fiercely independent—want most of all to work and have the sense of self-worth and self-sufficiency that come with an honest day's effort.

Some of her projects that put people to work include: Starting a bank dedicated to local investors and savers; buying struggling office buildings; purchasing a local bakery—Nissen Baking—that employed over 300 workers; announcing plans for 24,000-square-foot public market in underprivileged area of Portland; unveiling plans for L.L. Bean to open factory store in a former 5-and-10 building downtown.

One of the most remarkable things about Betty Noyce—for all of her wealth, for all the things she had seen and done—was that she never became cynical, never became jaded. It was the simple things that gave her pleasure—a good book, a walk on the beach, or time spent next to the fireplace in the face of a good old-fashioned nor'easter. Perhaps it was because she was so comfortable with herself and what she wanted from life that she shunned no-

toriety. Betty Noyce never wanted her name on a building. She knew she was making a difference in the lives of Mainers, and that's all the gratification Betty ever needed.

Most of us in politics are here because we think we can improve the human condition, and we hope to leave a better America for the next generation. While Betty Noyce never held public office, I think we would do well to take a page from her book. At the memorial, Owen Wells, Betty's attorney and friend, said: "To be given a fortune and accept it not as a stroke of luck but a mission, as she did, represents a kind of moral fiber that is extraordinary." Indeed, she has set an example for compassion and generosity of spirit, and reminds all of us that we have an obligation to make use of whatever gifts we have to give.

I will always feel tremendous appreciation and deep affection for Betty and I will miss her very much. We will never forget her kindness, her enthusiasm, and the exemplary way in which she lived her life.●

#### TELAMON ELECTRONICS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

●Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate a successful small business in my State, Telamon Electronics, which will celebrate the opening of its new offices on October 1, 1996 in Chino, CA.

Telamon, Nortel, and Pacific Bell have forged a high technology business alliance in Chino which has shown how large and small businesses can work together effectively. Through their efforts, Telamon has created over 30 new high-technology jobs in one of the southern California communities most affected by the reduction in defense spending. At a time when we are shifting spending to the local level, these partners have made it possible for the California economy to benefit from Telamon's over \$1 million in estimated tax revenues. It is the highest sales tax generator out of 2,100 businesses in the city of Chino, which is located 35 miles east of Los Angeles.

To foster employee growth, Telamon Electronics offers its employees profit sharing, rewards for suggestions, scholarships for their children, and education grants for their professional growth.

Telamon is enhancing its community by enhancing its employees.●

#### AMERICAN SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS ABROAD

●Mr. ABRAHAM. I would like to congratulate the Senator from Kentucky for his leadership in shepherding the Foreign Operations Assistance Appropriations bill to a successful resolution. This legislation deals with many matters of importance to the United States. The Senator deserves our gratitude for his untiring efforts to bring about final enactment of this bill.